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1. The reply filed on 12-26-00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant failed to include an identification of the species elected and a listing of claims readable thereon as required on page 3, lines 5-11 and page 4, lines 6-8, regardless of any arguments, discussed infra, provided thereby. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
2. Failure to identify and list as required in response this communication will result in the abandonment of the application. Applicant's attention is reinvited to the election requirement including the example set forth on page 4, lines 1-5 of the last Office action, Paper No. 21.
3. Applicant's remarks and requests filed 12-26-00 have been considered but appear to be drawn to issues regarding restriction between independent inventions while the Examiner's requirement is an election between patentably distinct species, i.e. there are no groups nor groups of claims.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to K. M. Reichle at telephone number (703) 308-2617.

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